**Summarize** the library media specialist’s review of your materials

In summarizing the review of my library portfolio by a Library media specialist in the area I will go over some considerations that administration, community members, and various other stakeholders in the community would have in the expansion of the library Media Center that we came up with in previewing these materials.

The first consideration may be in the expansion from 5 computers to 50 computers in the library media center. One could argue even if monies where available how could the library and the school justify such a dramatic expansion of computers. Currently over 100 students are using laptops consistently after school on daily basis on licensed software programs for math and language arts instruction. Furthermore, the school uses these laptops to test students every three weeks on math and language arts tests. These laptops would be better served for projects in the classroom while an investment of stationary desk top computers for after school programs maybe a more efficient use of resources since these laptops have to be taken out, setup and then put back everyday for these after school programs and then sent back to rooms that are using them which is creating a great deal of wear and tear on them.

The need for more computer technology is that these machines have now become a necessity as opposed to a novelty. With the advent of web 2.0 tools that are being used extensively in the workplace students need to develop these skills on a more profound level then ever before. The computer teacher and I have created various projects from these tools and need to share them to further convince people of their practical use in creating assessment projects.

Another consideration for stakeholders would be the expansion of square footage to allow for the library to accommodate the services in said proposal. One of the difficulties of having a library that is small yet I believe functional is that it often gets crowded with not only my classes but also students who are sent down to do work-research. Some have advised me to say no but I can’t send people away. There are generally 5- 8 programs outside of the normally scheduled library classes in a given week. Sometimes I will go to the classroom in order to accommodate events in the library. If the library could be expanded so that a few events could be scheduled concurrently then this would alleviate this problem. People enjoy the library because I try my best to arrange the library so patrons feel empowered buy it. The library with an expansion of technology and space can continue to be the place where the community generates powerful ideas, gets into action, and resolves their issues and concerns.